

LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1515 Washington Street, Waukegan, Illinois
Phone: 244-0550

NOTICE OF VIOLATION
of
Lake County Health Ordinance

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



316133

Date May 27, 1971

Complaint No. C71-16-1196

~~(Mr.) (Mrs.) (Mx.)~~ Griesa-Pfleger Tanning Company please be
advised that the premises which you (own) ~~(occupy)~~ at 1251 Sand Street, Waukegan
were inspected on May 21, 1971

The following conditions were noted:

- (1) Open burning of refuse within the plant premises at site described
below.
- (2) Dumping of refuse and waste materials on open land within the plant
premises

These conditions are in violation of Lake County Health Code ordinances and are a hazard to public health.

A reinspection of your premises will be made on or about June 17, 1971, at which time it is expected that you will have corrected the above noted condition(s). Special instructions, if appropriate, appear below.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please feel free to contact the department at your convenience.

By Robert Rhodes

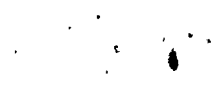
Robert Rhodes, Area Supervisor
Division of Environmental Health

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) Open fire was put out by the Waukegan Fire Department with the aid of
one (1) fire engine.

(2) Refuse and waste materials were removed from the open land within the plant
premises.

It is recommended that the owner of the premises should be advised to
maintain the premises in a clean and sanitary condition.



THE GRIESS-PFLEGER TANNING CO.
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS



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July 18, 1973

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Mr. C. E. Clark, Manager
Surveillance Section
Division of Land Pollution Control
2200 Churchill Road
Springfield, Illinois 62706

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Re: Lake County - Land Pollution Control
Waukegan / Greiss-Pfleger
(Should be: Griess-Pfleger)
Your letter June 21, 1973

Dear Sirs:

Our plant has ceased operations and is in the process of liquidation. The land and buildings have been advertised for sale but no sale has been concluded at this time.

Under these circumstances, we suggest it would be reasonable to request an extension of time until the property is sold and plans made for future use of the site.

We would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Yours very truly,

GRIESS-PFLEGER TANNING CO. DIVISION
BEGGS & COBB CORPORATION

TMK:gs
CC: Robert Remis

T. M. Kobza

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Phone: 217/525-6760

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John Marco, Acting Director

July 24, 1973

IN REPLY REFER TO:

LAKE COUNTY - Land Pollution Control
Waukegan/Griess-Pfleger

Mr. T. M. Kobza
Griess-Pfleger Tanning Company
Waukegan, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kobza:

This will acknowledge receipt of your July 18, 1973 letter addressed to Mr. Clark, regarding the closure of your plant operations and request for an extension of time to apply the proper final cover.

This Agency does not have the authority to grant an extension of time as this is considered as a variance to our requirements and only the Illinois Pollution Control Board has sole authority to grant a variance. For your information and future reference, should you decide to apply for a variance, I am enclosing a packet entitled "Variance Petition: General Information". Should you have any future questions regarding the variance petition, please contact Mr. Thomas Cavanagh, Jr., Manager, Variance Section, Division of Land Pollution Control, at this address.

Your cooperation with the requirements of this Agency will certainly be appreciated.

Cordially,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Gary C. Brashear
Gary C. Brashear, Sanitary Inspector
Surveillance Section
Division of Land Pollution Control

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cc: Region 2

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Commonwealth Edison
72 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois
Address Reply to: Post Office Box 767
Chicago, Illinois 60690

August 27, 1973

Mr. William Erdman
Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Land Pollution Control
2200 Churchill Road
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Dear Mr. Erdman:

We would like to request some information on the Griess-Pfleger Tanning Co. with respect to their compliance with the landfill regulations. We are considering purchasing the property and would like to receive notice when the landfill is properly covered and meets the standards.

We were told that the landfill area was filled only with leather shavings. Do you anticipate any leaching and groundwater contamination or suspect any additional constituents present with the refuse? Also we would like to know what regulations we would be responsible for if this refuse material were dug up while conducting construction operations. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Address for

J. P. McCluskey
Director of
Environmental Affairs

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

2200 Churchill Road
62706



Springfield, Illinois
Phone: 217/525-5544

September 6, 1973

Mr. J. P. McCluskey
Director of Environmental Affairs
Commonwealth Edison
P. O. Box 767
Chicago, Illinois 60690

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REGION VII

Re: Land Pollution Control
Lake County
Waukegan/Greiss-Pfleger Tanning Co.

SEP 10 1973

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Dear Mr. McCluskey:

The last few inspections of the above-referenced solid waste disposal site in March, June and July have shown that the site has not yet received the required two feet of compacted final cover material. The regulations in effect when that site was closed required that final cover be applied within six months of the final placement of refuse.

If you desire to excavate the area for construction purposes, this Agency would recommend that you transport the excavated refuse to a site governed by an effective Agency permit. I should point out to you that excavated refuse of this sort will probably be quite odorous. The prudent practice would be to transport this material in covered trucks and cover it immediately after deposition.

In regard to the potential leaching and groundwater problems, I suggest you contact experienced professionals to investigate the potential problems involved in such an operation.

If you have any further questions, please direct them to my attention at the above address.

Cordially yours,

William A. Erdman
William A. Erdman
Enforcement Services Section
Division of Land Pollution Control

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY STATE OF ILLINOIS
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: 9-26-73

MEMO TO: File

FROM: KENNETH ECHERT

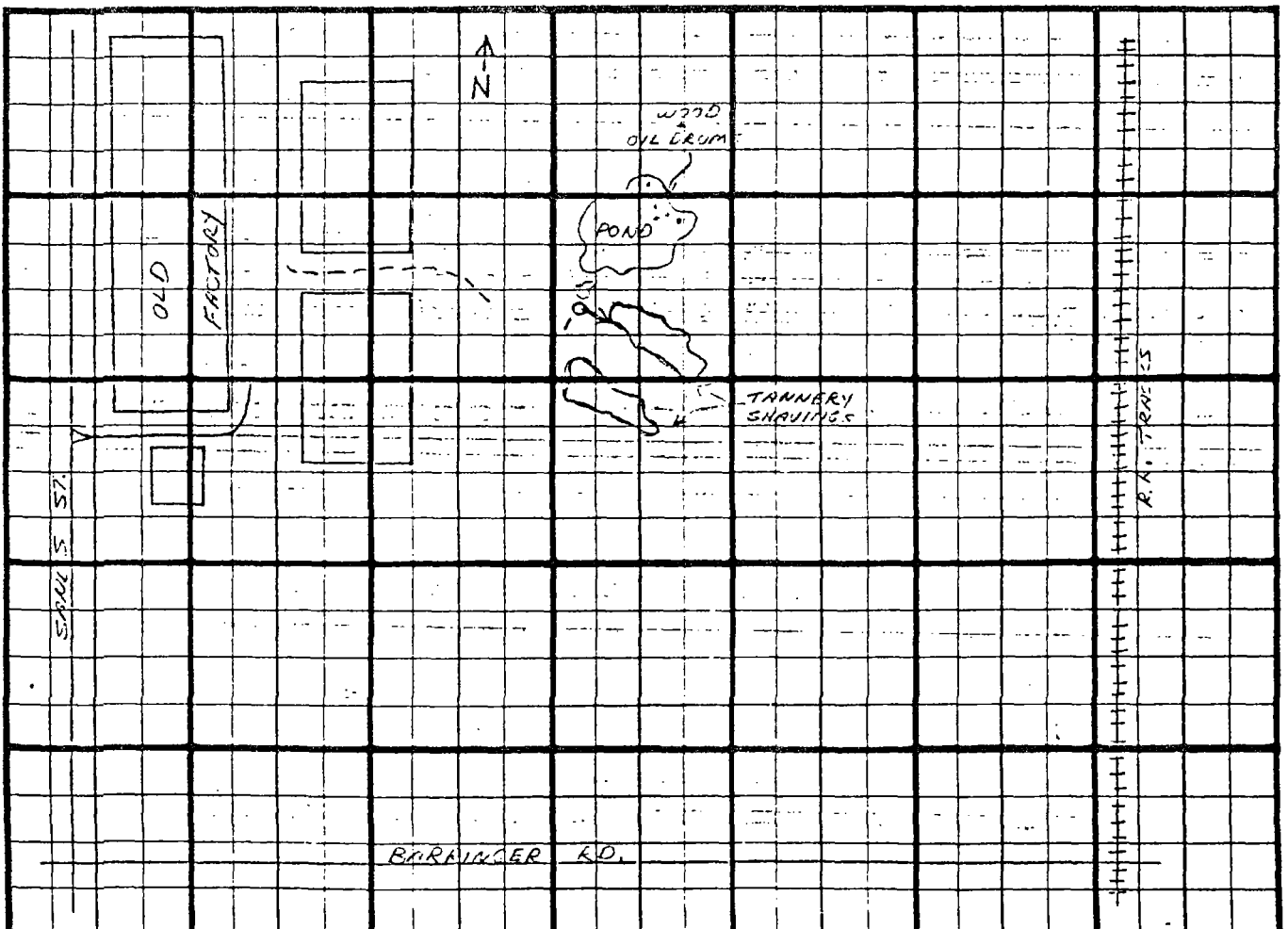
SUBJECT: LAKE COUNTY - D.L.P.C. Inspection

WAUKEGAN / GRIES PFLEGER

GENERAL REMARKS: Refuse consists of several large piles of tannery shavings and is
are deposited in an open area behind the old factory building.
The pile is 5' high X 20' wide X 27 YDS. LONG.
5' high X 25' wide X 81 YDS. LONG.
There are also some oil drums in the pond.

INTERVIEW: _____

DIAGRAM:



SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Site Survey

LAKE

Co. - D.L.P.C.

Date 9-26-73Initials KBWAUREGAN1 GRIESS PFFEGEROperation Began: APRIL 1972

E.P.A. Permit: Yes () No (X)

Location: 1251 SAND ST. WAUREGAN, ILL.Property Description: SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 SEC 15 T45N R12E

Upland () Clay Pit () Strip Mine () Floodplain ()*

Lowland (X) Gravel Pit () Gully () Hillside ()

Soil Type: _____

Surface Drainage: _____

Nearest Well: Public () Private (X) Monitor ()

Distance From Fill: ON SITE

Nearest Surface Water: Creek () River () Pond (X) Lake ()

Name: _____

Distance From Fill: ON SITE

*Site Protected From Flooding: Yes () No ()

*Dike Description: _____

Adjacent Land Use: _____

Nearest Residence or Building: 300'

Communities Served: _____

Population Served: _____

Landfill Method: Area (X) Trench () Combination () Other: _____

Equipment: NONE

Disposal Rates: Per Ton _____ Per Cu. Yd. _____ Per Load _____

Days and Hours of Operation: _____ Days _____ Hours Per Week

Road Conditions: FAIRAccess Restrictions: GATE AT MAIN ENTRANCEShelter Facilities: FACTORY BUILDINGSTypes of Waste Accepted: TANNERY SHAVINGS

General Description of Site and Operating Procedures:

Refuse consists of several large piles of tannery shavings which are deposited in an open area behind the old factory buildings. There is a small pond nearby which has some oil drum in it. The refuse hasn't been covered at all even though the site has been closed since July 1973

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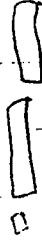
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WAUREGAN / GRIESS PFEGER

SANDS ST.

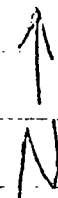


POND & WATER

REFUSE PILES

R.R.

BARRIAGE



2-3' DEEP

POND

REFUSE - WOOD, DRUMS, IN POND

TANNERY BLDG.

REFUSE PILES Q₁
CONSISTING OF
TANNERY
SHAVINGS,
NO COVER
AT ALL

3' x 25' x 81 YDS.

4' x 15' x 81 YDS.

ALSO SMALL PILES OF
BRICK, ETC.

October 12, 1973

Greiss - Pfleger Tanning Company
1251 Sand
Waukegan, Illinois

Gentlemen:

The inspection disclosed that your refuse disposal facility was satisfactorily closed and covered.

Your cooperation in this matter is certainly appreciated. If this Agency can be of any future assistance, please feel free to contact us at this address.

Very truly yours,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

C. E. Clark, Manager
Surveillance Section
Division of Land Pollution Control

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Charles P. Dammus
10/12/73

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Tannery property is sold to Edison

The Griess-Pfleger Tanning Co. site on Sand Street in Waukegan has been purchased by Commonwealth Edison Co.

The utility company will start tearing down an empty five-story tannery building, all detached buildings and a water tower on the site this winter, said Barney Davis, Commonwealth district manager.

The 38-acre tannery tract is located near the lakefront and adjacent to Commonwealth's Waukegan power plant. No other Shore Sanitary District facilities are located between the tannery site and the lake.

Davis said his company has no immediate plans for the site.

The deal to purchase the property was completed Oct. 1. Davis did not disclose the purchase price, but Beggs & Cobbs Inc., the tannery owner, had asked 950,000 for the property last May.

The tannery closed down in July after 55 years of operation in the city. The plant once employed 1,000 workers. About 200 were employed there just before it closed.



STATE OF ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 16, 1973
MEMO TO: C. E. Clark
FROM: R. Van Someren ✓
SUBJECT: LAKE COUNTY - LPC
Waukegan/Griess Pfleger

Made a short visit to subject site to see if the sludge from previously pumped out pond had been mixed in completely with the final cover. Approximately 80% of it had been mixed in. I was accompanied by the Lake County Health Department. Mr. Klammer was contacted at the time of the visit.

The site has been closed. Please file in closed file.

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